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- 1. SAMUEL AND PIKE OF BRITISH EMBASSY CALLED ON IO DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY BLAKE JANUARY 20 TO RECEIVE USG REPLY TO PAPER OUTLINING UK FONOFF VIEWS ON POSSIBLE UN SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING ON KOREA.
- 2. IN DISCUSSION OF USG REPLY, BLAKE SAID WE BELIEVE IT PREFERABLE AT THIS TIME FOR US TO PURSUE ITS EFFORTS CONFIDENTIAL

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OUTSIDE SC TO REACH AGREEMENT WITH OTHER PARTIES DIRECTLY

CONCERNED ON SUITABLE ALTERNATIVE ARRANGEMENTS TO MAINTAIN KOREAN ARMISTICE AGREEMENT. US CONSIDERS THAT FOCUS ON KOREA IN PUBLIC SC MEETING AT PRESENT WOULD BE UNDESIRABLE SINCE IT WOULD NOT RPT NOT LEAD TO CONSTRUCTIVE RESULT, AND WOULD COMPLICATE US EFFORTS OUTSIDE SC FORUM.

BLAKE ADDED WE DO NOT RPT NOT RULE OUT SC CONSIDERATION AT LATER DATE, AND REAFFIRMED USG DESIRE TO GAIN AGREEMENT ON ACCEPTABLE ALTERNATIVE ARRANGEMENTS TO UN COMMAND TO MAINTAIN ARMISTICE. MOREOVER, WE SEE NO RPT NO DISPOSITION ON PART OF SC MEMBERS TO TAKE UP KOREA AT PRESENT TIME. LIKELY RESULT IF ISSUE WERE RAISED NOW WOULD BE PRC AND SOVIET VYING WITH EATH OTHER IN SUPPORT OF NORTH KOREAN POSITION, AND STRONG OPPOSITION WITH POSSIBLE DOUBLE VETO OF ANY HELPFUL RESOLTUION.

- 3. SAMUELS SAID USG REPLY CAME AS NO RPT NO SURPRISE.
 MUCH THE SAME REACTION HAD BEEN RECEIVED FROM VARIOUS
 BRITISH EMBASSIES QUERIED, INCLUDING UKUN. HE ASKED
 THAT THE US KEEP THE BRITISH INFORMED OF DEVELOPMENTS
 AFFECTING THE POSITIONS OF OTHER PARTIES DIRECTLY CONCERNED WITH KOREAN QUESTION, AND BLAKE SAID HE WOULD DO SO.
 SAMUELS WONDERED WHETHER THE SC WOULD NOT HAVE TO TAKE AN
 ACTIVE ROLE IN KOREA IN DUE COURSE. BLAKE REPLIED THAT
 CURRENT THINKING WOULD BE FOR THE SC, IF IT HAD TO TAKE
 ANY POSITION, TO TAKE "AS PASSIVE A ROLE AS POSSIBLE, E.G.
 TO "TAKE NOTE" OF AGREEMENT ON ALTERNATIVE ARRANGEMENTS
 TO MAINTAIN ARMISTICE REACHED BY THE PARTIES DIRECTLY
 CONCERNED. SAMUELS APPEARED RECEPTIVE TO THIS CONTEMPLATED APPROACH.
- 4. SAMUELS COMMENTED THAT UK FONOFF PROPOSAL ORIGINALLY DESIGNED PRIMARILY AS EXCUSE FOR DELAYING UK RECOGNITION OF NORTH KOREA. QUESTION MAY ARISE IN NEAR FUTURE IN HOUSE OF COMMONS AS TO WHETHER NORTH KOREA FULFILS CRITERIA FOR DIPLOMATIC RECOGNITION. IF SC WERE CONSIDERING KOREAN ISSUE, HMG COULD MAKE PLAUSIBLE CASE FOR TAKING NO ACTION IN THIS RESPECT THOUGH IT WILL. IF ASKED, BE OBLIGED TO REPLY THAT NORTH KOREA MEETS CRITERIA FOR RECOGNITION. KISSINGER UNQUOTE INGERSOLL

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